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Application No. 10/716,246

REMARKS

Claims 1-60 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 30, 31, 33, 36, 39 and 44, submitted with the Second Preliminary Amendment filed on July 19, 2005, are revised to add the status identifier "Amended."

Applicants thank Examiner Hamilton for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative during the December 6, 2006 telephone interview. During the interview, the Examiner stated that the claims appear to be in condition for allowance, but that (1) claims 30-31, 33, 36, 39 and 44 needed status identifiers, (2) an explanation of support was needed for claims 32, 34, 35, 37, 38 and 40-43, and (3) a Supplemental Reissue Declaration was required.

The foregoing amendments address item 1. A Supplemental Reissue Declaration is filed herewith to address item 3. Regarding item 2, support for the claims indicated may be found at least in the following portions of the original disclosure:

Claim 32: Figs. 2-3.

Claim 34: Figs. 2-3.

Claim 35: Figs. 1-3, and column 2, lines 60-64 and column 3, lines 14-22 and 33-39 of the specification.

Claim 37: Figs. 2-3.

Claim 38: Figs. 1-3, and column 3, lines 14-22 and 33-39 of the specification.

Claim 40: Figs. 2-3.

Claim 41: Figs. 1-3, and column 2, lines 60-64 and column 3, lines 33-42 of the specification.

Claim 42: column 3, lines 40-43 of the specification.

Claim 43: Column 2, lines 56-58 of the specification.

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In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. Prompt allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is needed, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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Supplemental Reissue Declaration

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